



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER

School Closure - December 16th - Professional Development for Teachers.

Winter Holidays - December 21st - School Closes at **12pm** for a deep clean.

TIME TO READ

Our school are delighted to be working with Darina Molloy (Mayo CoCo) and Fania Ellison (Business In The Community Ireland) on a reading programme for some 2nd Class pupils. Reading sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-10.30am and Liam and Patricia have selected children who would most benefit from this initiative. Starting in the new year volunteers from Mayo County Council will come to the school and read with the children. There will also be a tour of the library for the class and a visit to Mayo County Council/ Áras an Chontae. The school will be gifted some reading books and this programme will develop our community links. Again our thanks to Darina who proposed the partnership with our school.

OMISOKA

Ōmisoka (大晦日) or ōtsugomori (大晦) is a Japanese traditional celebration on the last day of the year. Traditionally, it was held on the final day of the 12th lunar month. Since the beginning of the Meiji era, December 31 (New Year's Eve) is now used for the celebration. Miyuki (Louis in Junior Infants Mum) will visit our school on December 12th to talk to the classes about this celebration and to tell the children a little bit about Japanese culture. We love to learn about other celebrations and cultures. If anyone would like to talk about their culture please get in touch.

ALADDIN 20 DAYS TEXT

Some parents will receive an automated text to say your child has missed 20 days of school. There is only a cause for concern if these days are unexplained.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The department have issued the standardised school year calendar for 2023/2024. All schools take the same midterm break in October, the same Winter Break and Spring Break (Traditionally called Christmas and Easter Holidays). Each individual school then decides their additional closures - at February Midterm, schools can decide to close for a week or two days. Each school decides the date they come back in August/September and their finishing date in June. Link to standardised calendar is here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/0a2b0-standardisation-of-the-school-year-in-respect-of-primary-post-primary-schools-for-the-years-202324-202425-and-202526/>.

We hope to issue our 2023/2024 calendar in Term 2.

WINTER SHOW

Wow what a night! I know the school staff spent a lot of time organising and preparing for the show but it was completely worth it. I won't be asking them to take anything like this on again until 2024 at least! Huge thanks to Pat and Carmel in the TF-they were so accommodating.

The excitement and enjoyment in the build up to the show was wonderful to experience. We really do have the best children to work with and some of them are destined for a career on the stage or in stage production. I can't name staff and parents individually as I'll surely leave someone out. You know who you are "Mile Buiochas". Thanks also to Castlebar Celtic, The Tennis Club and the pool at Lough Lannagh.

CAR PARK AT MARSH HOUSE

The bollard for the school car park has gone missing. The Gardaí are reviewing CCTV footage and it might be returned but in the mean-time we are using a temporary measure. This means the school car park will be open after school and at weekends until a replacement is received. The school car park will be open for the school holiday period also. Parking is at the owners risk unless on school business during term time.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Lots of families are travelling for the holidays to see relatives overseas. Aladdin our school system automatically sends out texts to inform you of your child's absence. This is just to make sure that you are happy with the record and no error has occurred. Once you have informed the school of the reason then there is no cause for concern. The issue arises if your child misses more than 20 days and they are unexplained or worrying in pattern.

ENROLMENT FOR 2023

Enrolment for 2023 will be open in January. Please let others know about our fantastic school and recommend us if you think we would be a good fit for them. As always, the nature of temporary accommodation is off putting for some parents. In recent parent teacher meetings, the resounding consensus is that what we have here is unique. Only you the parents can spread this to help our school grow. An advertisement in the paper or sign outside will not convey this message.

YARD CLEAN UP

This year we are very fortunate to partner up with Meissner Filtration. They are sending 15 volunteers to our school on the 16th of December. They will sweep the leaves in the carpark and yard. They will also put stones in the second flower bed in the yard and tidy up the other flower beds. They are supplying most of the tools needed but we are looking to borrow a couple of wheelbarrows from our families. If you would like to lend us your one please contact Jennifer to make arrangements.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

We've had many shining stars in recent weeks. The children are:

BE HELPFUL

Date	Room	Name
18/11/2022	Patricia's	Arya
	Declan's	Abbie
	Declan's	Orin
	Paul's	David

FRIDA KAHLO - EXPRESS EMOTIONS THROUGH ART

Date	Room	Name
25/11/2022	Patricia's	Kaz
	Declan's	Liam
	Declan's	Hugh
	Paul's	Clodagh

MAKING A GREAT EFFORT WHEN THINGS ARE HARD

Date	Room	Name
02/12/2022	Patricia's	PJ
	Declan's	Ula
	Declan's	Aoife
	Paul's	Leja

BODHI DAY - DEC 8TH / CELEBRATING ENLIGHTENMENT

Date	Room	Name
09/12/2022	Sarah's	Vilius
	Sarah's	Kinga
	Deborah's	Jamie
	Patricia's	Lilly
	Declan's	Alba
	Declan's	Sophia
	Paul's	Luke

GAEILGE SA BHAILE

Junior Infants and Patricia's Room can access some Gaeilge content at home by visiting <https://app.buaathome.ie/>. Other interested in improving their Gaeilge can find nice educational content here too. Here are some useful phrases to try at home.

Déan Comhrá-Cúpla Focal for Parents and Guardians

Tá sé tirim inniu-it is dry today-*taw shay chirim in you*

Tá sé fuar-It is cold-*taw shay foo ur*

Cé hé bhfuil tú?-How are you?-*kay hay will two?*

Tá mé go maith-I am good- *taw may guh moc*

Níl mé go maith- I am not good- *neil may guh moc*

Dia dhuit ar maidin-Good morning-*geea gwitch air modge in*

Slán go fóill- Bye for now- *slawn guh foal*

